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Application No.: 10/706,204

Examiner: Chang, Yean Hsi

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Group Art Unit: 2835

Title: SYSTEM FOR LATCHING AND EJECTING A MODULAR COMPONENT FROM AN  
ELECTRONIC DEVICE

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified applicaiton.

**NOTE:** 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above- application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

( ) Previously submitted:

( ) Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

( ) Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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(X) Amendment/Reply

( ) Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)

( ) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous

( ) Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
The fee for this Suspension is (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$130.00

( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE), AMENDMENT, AND  
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 10, 2004**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 10, 2004, Applicants submit this RCE in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, along with the following amendments and remarks.

**Authorization to Charge Deposit Account**

Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the requisite fees of \$790.00 for an RCE and \$100.00 for two new dependent claims to Deposit Account No. 08-2025; Order No.200302273-2/COMP:0254-1/FLE/SWA/VYA. Applicants do not believe that any other fees are due at this time. However, if additional fees are deemed necessary to advance prosecution of the present application, at this or any other time, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to change any such fees to the Deposit Account No. and Order No. listed above.